

Simon Fraser Student Society

Referendum History

The SFSS has historically used the term referendum during elections and by-elections, and resolution (ordinary or special) to refer to resolutions as per the Societies Act of B.C. during member meetings. The following document provides a history of all SFSS resolutions and referendum and their results (collectively referred to as referenda in this document), as voted on by the membership. This report organises resolutions by the date they were passed by the membership, not the date that they were accepted and officially ratified by the provincial government in the case of by-law and constitutional amendments. Information has been gathered through Society records and Peak archives.

1966

Approval of the SFSS Constitution and Bylaws [found in the BC Registry Filings].

PASSED by SFU Senate and signed by seven students for incorporation

Student Fraternities and Sororities

Do you think that fraternities and sororities should be allowed to organize at Simon Fraser University?

YES: 481

NO: 1,299

FAILED

1967

Provincial Operating Grants

If inadequate provincial operating grants to B.C.'s universities result in a tuition fee increase in 1967-1968, would you support a co-ordinated program to take steps to ensure non-payment of that fee increase?

YES: 451

NO: 192

PASSED

Canadian Union of Students

Do you wish the SFSS to be a member of the Canadian Union of Students?"

YES: 75% in favour

PASSED

Canadian Union of Students Constitutional Amendment

Constitutional amendment to add to Bylaw 4 (7) (e) reading "He shall be the chairman of the C.U.S. Committee."

FAILED

1968

University Name Change

Yes/no referendum put to the students on the question of changing the University's name from Simon Fraser University to Louis Riel University

YES: 100

NO: 200

FAILED

Society Policies

Do you favour the presentation of major Student Society policies to mall meetings, thus giving the final say over important policy to the Student Society as a whole?

YES: 1,415

NO: 384

PASSED

1969

Constitutional Amendment

Do you approve of the proposed, revised SFSS constitution?

YES: 840

NO: 780

FAILED (needed 2/3 of support) – Invalidated by IEC

Student Levy for a S.U.B. & Extraneous Use

- a. Do you support a \$5.00 increase to be used for a S.U.B. (Student Union Building)* over four semesters?

YES: 929

NO: 862

PASSED

- b. Do you approve a further \$5.00 increase:

\$1 to Peak Publications over four semesters

\$3 to Campus Radio Society for a period of two semesters

\$1 over four semesters to establish closed circuit T.V., video tape set up

YES: 553

NO: 1,252

FAILED

**Later renamed to University Centre Building (U.C.B.)*

1970

Activities Fee Increase

Are you in support of a \$1 increase per semester in activities fees allocated to student club budgets?

YES: 248

NO: 651

FAILED

1971

By-Law and Constitution Amendments

That membership in Council be extended to include one graduate student to be elected by and from the graduate students of the University.

FAILED

That the position of Councillor-At-Large be held by an undergraduate student to be elected by and from the undergraduate students of the University.

FAILED

1972

Increase in Student Activity Fee for General Use

- a. Do you agree that the student fee which is currently \$6.00 per student, per semester, should be increased?

YES: 224

NO: 333

FAILED

- b. If your response to part (a) was yes, by what amount should the fee be increased?
\$1.00 or \$2.00
\$2.00: 115
\$1.00: 101

N/A – automatically failed due to failure of Part a).

Increase in Student Activity Fee for the Peak

Do you agree that the Student Activity Fee should be increased by an amount not to exceed 50 cents to be specifically allocated to the Peak Publication Society for the publication of the Peak newspaper (The amount allocated during the past fiscal year was \$1.60 per student per semester).

YES: 208

NO: 336

FAILED

National Association of Students

Do you agree that the Simon Fraser Student Society should join the National Association of Students?

YES: 363

NO: 147

PASSED

British Columbia Association of Student Unions

Do you agree that the Simon Fraser Student Society should join the British Columbia Association of Student Unions?

YES: 399

NO: 116

PASSED

1973

No referenda

1974

No referenda

1975

No referenda

1976

Dental Plan Reallocation to Capital Expenditures

Whereas it has been adequately shown that neither a dental plan or dental facilities on campus are feasible at this time; Be it resolved that money accumulated for this purpose be released for deposit to a capital fund equivalent

to the total monies released; to be disbursed by the Executive Council for such capital expenditures as the South Court Lounge Cafeteria.

PASSED

Dental Plan Reallocation to Anti-Calendar*

That Five (\$5.00) Dollars currently collected for the Dental Plan be added to the current student activity fee; and, Further, that this money will be reallocated for the operating budget; and, Further, that a part of this Five (\$5.00) Dollars' allocation will be allocated for the yearly publication of an anti-calendar.

PASSED

**There is more to this referendum question, but it has been cut from the copy in the BC Registry Filing, but it is related to further reallocation of this funding to the anti-calendar (a summary of student evaluations of course content, course effectiveness, professors and teaching assistants, prepared through primary data collected from students using questionnaires and further statistical analysis).*

1977

Extraordinary resolution: "That the present By-Laws of the Simon Fraser Student Society be rescinded and the attached be adopted" [as attached in the BC Registry Filings].

PASSED

1978

Activity Fee Increase

Are you in favour of a 5\$ increase of student fees?

YES: 387

NO: 488

FAILED

Three Week Drop-Date

Are you opposed to the three-week drop date?

YES: 835

NO: 64

PASSED

CFSU Radio Fee Proposal

Proposal for an extra 25 cents per student to go to the CFSU (campus radio).

YES: 408

NO: 436

FAILED

Gestetner Offset

Proposal for a capital expenditure of a new printer for the Society.

YES: 502

NO: 297

PASSED

Change in By-Laws Student Forum

Be it resolved that by-laws 13 (2) b, 13(4), 13(5)b, 13 (8)c and 11 (18) be amended to read as follows:

13 (2) b) the delivery of a petition to the student forum containing the signatures of no less than 50% plus one of the number of members of the department who voted in the election for that position, or, 100 members of the department, whichever is the lesser, and which contains a statement of the specific charge(s) against the student departmental representative.

13 (4) Quorum for a meeting called to consider impeachment of a Student Departmental Representative shall be 66% of the number of members of a department who voted in the election for that position or 10% of the members of the department represented by the Student Departmental Representative, whichever is the lesser. (a, b, and c remain the same).

13 (5) b) The delivery to the Student Forum of a petition containing the signatures of no less than 50% plus one of the number of members who voted in the election or 5% of the Student Society, whichever is the lesser, and which contains a statement of the specific charge(s) against the officer in question.

13 (8) c) Should less than 66% of the number of members who voted in the election for the “at-large” position vote in the referendum, or less than 5% of the student body, whichever is the lesser, the impeachment proceedings shall cease. Otherwise, a 2/3 majority of those voting shall be required to impeach an “at-large” officer. Upon such a resolution being carried by the majority indicated, the officer so impeached shall be deemed to have delivered his/her resignation.

11 (18) Voting shall take place on a day selected by the Electoral Standing Committee in the Fall Semester no sooner than two full weeks following the close of nomination. Polling for all positions shall occur between the hours of 9:30 am and 7:30 pm.

PASSED

1979

No referenda

1980

No referenda

1981

By-Law Amendments – Multiple Replacements

Be it resolved that the By-Laws of the Simon Fraser Student Society be amended as attached [see BC Registry Filings].

PASSED

By-Law Amendment – Powers and Duties of Student Forum

Be it resolved to amend By-law 4 - Powers and Duties of the Student Forum, section (8), sub-section (b) by deleting the words ‘s/he shall coordinate student representation all committees of the forum and those committees to which the student forum make appointments’ in their entirety, AND, to amend Section (8) sub-section (e) by adding the words ‘s/he shall coordinate student representation on all committees of the student forum and those committees to which the student forum makes appointments.

PASSED

By-Law Amendment – Public and Financial Affairs Officers

Be it resolved to amend the By-laws of the Society by deleting the words “Secretary/Public Relations Officer” where ever they shall appear, and substituting the words “Public Relations Officer” where ever the words “Secretary/Public Relations Officer” had appeared, and deleting the word “Treasurer” where ever it shall appear, and substituting the words “Financial Affairs Officer” in the places where the word “Treasurer” had appeared.

PASSED

By-Law Amendment – Referendum

Be it resolved to amend By-Law 14: Referendum section (4), sub-section (b), by deleting the words “the provisions of By-Law 13 (18), (19), (20), (21), and (22) relating to voting, in their entirety” and substituting the words “the provisions of By-Law 11 (18), (19), (20), (21), and (22) relating to voting.”

PASSED

By-Law Amendment – Delegation of Powers and Duties

Be it resolved to amend By-law 18 - Delegation of Powers and Duties, section (3) by deleting the current section (3) in its entirety, and substituting a new section (3) which shall read ‘the Student Forum may, by a resolution, appoint persons not members of the student forum as full or qualified signing officers,’ and amend By-law 19 - Signing Officers, section (1) by deleting the current section (1) and substituting a new section (1) which shall read “The Signing Officers shall be:

- a. The President
- b. The Internal Relations Officer
- c. Financial Affairs Officer
- d. Any person(s) appointed by the Student Forum, pursuant to By-Law 18(3), excepting only that no more than one person who is a Signing Officer under this Sub-Section may act as a Signing Officer on any one document.”

PASSED

By-Law Amendment – Prohibition on Discrimination

Be it resolved to amend the By-laws of the Society by adding a new Article 22, which shall read:

22. The Simon Fraser Student Society shall not discriminate against any person(s) on the grounds of any or all of the following:

- a. Race
- b. Religion
- c. Citizenship
- d. Place of origin
- e. Marital status
- f. Age
- g. Creed
- h. Colour
- i. Sexual orientation
- j. Political and/or religious views and/or activity
- k. Appearance

PASSED

1982

Athletic Fee

Whereas we feel that the proposed cutbacks to the University and Athletic department will be detrimental to Simon Fraser University as a whole:

Be it resolved that the SFSS request the SFU board of governors to levy a \$6.00 Athletic-Recreation Fee per semester. Under the follow conditions:

1. The fee schedule will follow the same format as the SFSS student activity fee
2. The athletic recreation fee shall be refundable on a students written request to the Athletic-Recreation Fee board
3. An athletic recreation fee board, which will operate as an autonomous entity, be set as follows;
 - a. To administer the financing of the fee
 - b. To composed of students
 - c. That students will have majority membership on the board

- d. The organization of the board and the SFSS: board contracts is subject to negotiation with the student society
4. After establishment of the athletic-rec fee all students will be admitted free of charge, to all SFU athletic events

YES: 557

NO: 296

PASSED

Fiscal Year

Whereas: the fiscal year of the Society is now September 1st-August 31st, and

Whereas: A change in the fiscal year would allow a more efficient distribution of work relating to the societies accounting and

Whereas: several treasurers and student forum have recommended such a change

Be it resolved that: By-law 8, Section 3 of the Society's Constitution and By-laws be amended to read:

(3) The auditors shall audit the previous fiscal year of the society. The fiscal year shall be from May 1st to April 31st.

YES: 675

NO: 131

PASSED

Financial Affairs Officer

Whereas: The title Treasurer was changed to Financial Affairs Officer on the recommendation of a previous Treasurer, and

Whereas: The title is pompous and obscure, and

Whereas: Student Forum has now recommended:

Be it resolved that: The title Treasurer replace the title "Financial Affairs Officer" wherever it exists in the Society's Constitution and By-Laws

YES: 656

NO: 131

PASSED

By-Law Change Ombudsperson

Amendments to by-law 7, section (3), by-law 11, section (2), by-law 13, section (1), by-law 13, section (9) and by-law (20).

Amendments include replacing existing sections with:

The ombuds office shall be an agency autonomous of the SFSS, for the members of the SFU community. It shall consist of at least one ombudsperson. The Ombudsperson shall not represent or otherwise exercise powers of the SFSS forum, nor shall the SFSS represent or otherwise exercise powers of the Ombuds office.

1. The ombudsperson shall be required to be available on a regular basis to students and other students and other members of the University community to serve as a source of information and assistance with respect to academic and any other University related rules, regulations, policies and procedures. This shall include, but not limited to, counselling students regarding various University procedures.
2. The ombudsperson shall be entitled to investigate any issue concerning SFU or the SFSS which directly affects any member of the university community
3. The ombudsperson shall endeavour to ensure that all matters presented to the Ombuds Office are dealt with, and that agencies of the University or the Society are contacted as appropriate
4. The ombudsperson shall not hold any elected position on campus. The ombudsperson shall not hold any other appointed position or employment in the society or any affiliate organization of the society.
5. The ombudsperson shall be entitled to access to all files, business reports, and all records of the society
6. The ombudsperson shall have the right to be recognized and to speak at any General Meeting of the society, and shall be recognized to speak and attend any general meeting of the society but no vote.

7. It shall be incumbent upon the members of the student forum to ensure that the position of the ombudsperson remains filled.

PASSED

1983

CJIV Fee

Be it resolved that SFSS allocate the sum of \$36,000 no later than October 31st, 1983 in order to establish SFU's campus radio, CJIV, on the Greater Vancouver FM cable system.

Be it further resolved that each student of SFU be levied a \$2.00 fee per semester. For the establishment and maintenance of CJIV-FM Radio

YES: 367

NO: 1,355

FAILED

By-Law Amendment – Elections and By-Elections

That the By-Laws 11 and 12 (of the Simon Fraser Student Society) be deleted and replaced with the [attached revisions of By-Laws 11 and 12, as found in the BC Registry Filings]

PASSED

By-Law Amendment – Auditors

By-law 8, section 3 of the Society's By-laws be amended to read:

The Auditors shall audit the previous fiscal year of the Society. The fiscal year shall be from May 1st to April 31st.

PASSED

1984

By-Law Amendment – Entire Revision

That the By-Laws of the Simon Fraser Student Society be amended with the draft revision (Sept. 1984), as recommended by Student Forum, and that the wording of the draft revision replace the existing wording of the by-laws in their entirety.

PASSED

1985

No referenda

1986

CFS De-Federation

Do you support de-federating from the CFS?

YES: 444

NO: 436

PASSED

1987

By-Law Amendment – Graduate Issues Officer Executive Position

Be it resolved that the following by-laws be amended (as attached)* [see BC Registry Filings].

*By-law amendments to Interpretation, By-Law 3 and By-Law 4, as well as term replacements throughout, to include the new Graduate Issues Officer Executive Position.

PASSED

1988

No referenda

1989

Capital Fee Levy, Space Expansion

Are you in favour of a Simon Fraser Student Society capital fee levy of \$10/semester effective September 1989, increasing to \$15/semester effective September 1992, in addition to the student activity fee, for the purpose of funding student space expansion?

YES: 699

NO: 789

PASSED

By-Law Amendment – Graduate Issues Officer

Are you in favour of the proposed changes to the Simon Fraser Student Society Constitution and By-Laws; By-Law 3, 4, 11, 12 and Interpretations Section; that would allow for the creation of a Graduate Issues Officer position on the Student Society Executive and Forum?

YES: 1,035

NO: 378

PASSED

CJIV Increased Funding

Are you in favour of a \$1 increase in the student activity fee for the sole purpose of providing increased funding to CJIV?

YES: 541

NO: 951

FAILED

BCPIRG Board of Directors Election

Are you in favour of changing the BCPIRG Board of Directors election from the Fall to Spring semester?

YES: 1,027

NO: 264

PASSED

1990

Do you wish to continue membership in the Canadian Federation of Students (with the current cost of membership being \$3.75 per student per semester)?

Yes: 630

No: 496

PASSED*

**Referendum conduct challenged by the Peak and de-federation did not move forward*

1991

BCPIRG Fee Increase

Are you in favour of increasing the membership fee paid to the BC Public Interest Research Group (BC PIRG) from \$2.00 to \$3.00 for full-time Students and from \$1.00 to \$1.50 for part-time students?

YES: 580

NO: 846

FAILED

CJIV Fee Increases

Be it resolved that the students of Simon Fraser University give the Simon Fraser Campus Radio Society (SFCRS) a student fee increase from: \$1.00 per full-time student and \$.50 per part-time student per semester to: \$3.75 per full-time student and \$1.75 per part-time student per semester, if and only if, the CRTC grants SFCRS (CJIV) its FM broadcast licence.

YES: 634

NO: 808

FAILED

Be it Resolved that the students of Simon Fraser University give the Simon Fraser Campus Radio Society (SFCRS) a student fee increase from: \$1.00 per full-time student and \$.50 per part-time student per semester to: \$3.75 per full-time student and \$1.75 per part-time student per semester, until such time as the CRTC grants the SFCRS (CJIV) an FM broadcast licence.

YES: 549

NO: 870

FAILED

1992

SFSS Fee Cap

Do you wish to put a cap of \$30 on the 'Activity Fee' collected from SFU students per semester, effective January 1, 1993 (currently \$45)

YES: 946

NO: 1,399

FAILED

CJSF Fee Increase

Do you agree to increase CJSF, Radio Simon Fraser's Student Levy by one dollar (\$1.00) per full time student, and fifty cents (\$.05) per part-time student, per semester? (refundable upon request)

YES: 1,357

NO: 905

PASSED

BCPIRG Name Change – New Constitution and By-Laws

Be it resolved that the current Constitution, Bylaws and Name of the British Columbia Research Group (BCPIRG) be rescinded and the posted new Constitution, Bylaws and Name of the Simon Fraser University Public Interest Research Group (SFUPIRG) to be adopted in their place

YES: 1,614

NO: 368

PASSED

CFS Membership Continuation

Do you wish to continue your membership in the Canadian Federation of Students with the current cost of membership being \$3.75 per student per semester?

YES: 1,503

NO: 829

PASSED

1993

SFPIRG Membership Fee Increase

Do you support increasing the membership fee to the SFPIRG from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per semester for full time students and from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per semester for part time students?

FAILED (did not meet quorum)

Departmental Student Union Eligibility

Do you support the expansion of eligibility to form a Department Student Union and have a Forum (Board) seat to academic programmes that are not faculties or departments (By-Law 5)?

FAILED (did not meet quorum)

1994

By-Law Amendment - Forum

Do you agree to the following amendments to the Simon Fraser Student Society's Bylaws:

Under "Departmental Student Unions, By-Law 5" add:

3.a. Students enrolled in a special programme which is not a University faculty or department as per By-Laws 5(1) may form a student union, and may apply to Student Forum for recognition as a Departmental Student Union provided that the student union meets the criteria in By-Law 5(2).

b. A student union recognised under By-Law 5(3) (a) shall have all privileges and rights of a Departmental Student Union except the rights under By-Law 3 to have a Student Departmental Representative on Student Forum."

Yes: 415

No: 120

Spoiled: 161

FAILED (failed to meet quorum of 889)

By-Law Amendment – Graduate Issues Officer Eligibility

Changes to By-law 11, Section 16

FAILED (failed to meet quorum of 889)

By-Law Amendment – Electoral Standing Committee: Orientation Session

Changes to By-law 11, Section 16

FAILED (failed to meet quorum of 889)

By-Law Amendment – Elections: Voting Period and Polling Hours

Changes to By-law 11, Section 16

FAILED (failed to meet quorum of 889)

By-Law Amendment – SFSS Fee Evaluation Means

Changes to By-law 11, Section 16

FAILED (failed to meet quorum of 889)

SFPIRG Fee Increase

Are you in favour of increasing the membership fee paid to the Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group (SFPIRG) from \$2.00 to \$3.00 for full-time students and from \$1.00 to \$1.50 for part-time students?

PASSED

1995

Peak Funding – SFSS Forum Question

In order to provide for complete editorial and financial autonomy for the Peak Publications Society, are you in favour of funding the Peak Publications Society with a mandatory fee of \$3.90 per full time student per semester and \$1.95 per part-time student per semester with the provision that any student can receive a rebate of this amount upon application to the Peak Publications Society?

YES: 488
NO: 657
SPOILED: 176

FAILED

Peak Funding – Peak Question

Do you support maintaining the current levy of funding for Peak Publications by providing \$3.90 per full-time student per semester and \$1.95 per part-time student per semester to go DIRECTLY to Peak Publications from monies currently part of the Simon Fraser Student Society activity fee?

YES: 829
NO: 383
SPOILED: 121

PASSED

Peak Office Space

Do you support; a) providing Peak Publications with office space of either the current peak trailers free of any rent whatsoever or 125 metres of renovated space on level 2000 of the Student Services building at a monthly rent equal to the operating costs of said space, determined on the basis of Schedule A of the University Center Building Lease; b) Continuing to supply Peak Publications with a secure on-campus storage space of 12 square metres at no cost or rent?

YES: 803
NO: 292
SPOILED: 150

PASSED

Peak Contract Termination

In order to provide for complete editorial and financial autonomy for the Peak Newspaper, are you in favour of terminating the agreement between the Simon Fraser Student Society and the Peak Publications Society dated August 31st, 1990, effective December 31st, 1995 in accordance with article 13(2) of that agreement?

YES: 623
NO: 479
SPOILED: 307

PASSED

Health Plan Referendum

SFSS Health Plan to be in effect September 1995, at a cost of \$105 per full-time student per year, with the option to opt-out if covered by another plan.

YES: 748
NO: 390
SPOILED: 179

PASSED

By-Law Amendment - Activity Fee

Changes to By-law 4, section 9

FAILED

By-Law Amendment - Graduate Issues Officer Eligibility

Changes to By-law 11, section 16

YES: 872
NO: 166
SPOILED: 247

PASSED

By-Law Amendment - Department Student Union

Changes to By-law 5 as follows:

Including students enrolled in a special programme which is not a university faculty or department as per by-law may form a student union, and may apply to student forum for recognition as a departmental student union provided that the student forum for recognition as a departmental student union provided that the student union meet criteria in by-law 5(2).

A student union recognised under by-law 5(3)(a) shall have all privileges and rights of departmental student union except the right under by-law 3 to have a student departmental representative on student forum.

YES: 779

NO: 257

SPOILED: 250

PASSED

1996

SFSS Activity Fee Increase

Are you in favour of increasing the SFSS portion of the activity fee by \$2.65 from the current level of \$24.35 to \$27.00 per full-time student; and by \$1.33 from the current level of \$12.17 to \$13.50 per part-time student effective September 1, 1996?

YES: 305

NO: 608

FAILED

By-Law Amendment – Chairperson

Do you agree to delete By-Law 21, 'Chairperson,' which reads:

A member in good standing of the Society shall be elected to the position of Chairperson by simple majority vote of the Student Forum for a term of one semester: The Chairperson shall chair the meetings of the Forum, but shall not be counted towards quorum and shall no vote;

And renumber subsequent By-Laws accordingly?

YES: 498

NO: 322

FAILED (Required 75% majority)

Campus Radio Society Fee Increase

Do you support:

Increasing the funding to the Simon Fraser Campus Radio Society from \$2.00 to \$3.00 per semester; per full-time student, and from \$1.00 to \$1.50, per part-time student? This money is refundable upon request.

YES: 645

NO: 277

PASSED

Impeachment of the Treasurer and President

To impeach both the treasurer and the president of the SFSS for downloading pornographic images on to the Simon Fraser Student Society's computers.

PASSED

1997

SFSS Activity Fee Decrease

The Student Activity Fee should be reduced by the reduction of the Student Society portion of the Activity Fee to \$10.00.

YES: 1,093

NO: 2,019

FAILED

Removal of CFS Membership Fee

The Student Activity Fee should be reduced by the removal of the compulsory Canadian Federation of Students membership fee of \$6.10.

YES: 1,193

NO: 1,881

FAILED

Extended Health Plan Continuation

The Simon Fraser Student Society currently administers an Extended Health Plan for registered Simon Fraser University undergraduate and graduate Canadian and Permanent Resident students. The plan includes direct drug reimbursement of 80% for those drugs listed in the Canadian Student Formulary, including oral contraceptives and mood altering drugs; accidental dental (\$750 maximum); tutorial expense (\$1000 maximum); physiotherapist, massage therapist, podiatrist, speech therapist, naturopath, and psychologist (\$300 per practitioner and only if referred to by a physician); ambulance (\$250 maximum) (However, the plan does not include dental or optical). The fee for the plan is \$105 per calendar year and is automatically charged to full-time SFU students during the fall registration period. Full-time students who register in the spring or summer semesters will be charged a pro-rated fee rate. To provide family coverage for your partner or children, you may do so for an additional \$ 119 per year. All full-time SFU students are automatically charged for this plan when they register and are covered by the plan until the following August 31ST. Part-time undergraduate students (those taking fewer than 9 credits) and part-time graduate students may opt into the plan at the regular fee. Students who provide proof of similar Extended Health Care coverage, not BC medical, may opt out of the plan, during semester opt-out periods. Do you want the National Student Health Network's Health Plan, currently administered by the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) to continue after August 31st, 1997?

YES: 1,233

NO: 1,870

FAILED

Call for United Nations Global Referendum on Banning Nuclear Weapons

Are you in favour of asking the United Nations to call a global referendum on the banning of nuclear weapons?

YES: 2,611

NO: 464

PASSED

1998

Reading Break Non-Binding Plebiscite

Do you support the Simon Fraser Student Society proposal to the University for:

A reading break in the middle of the Spring semester: 654

A reading break immediately before final exams in the Spring semester: 247

No reading break in the Spring semester: 149

PASSED: YES – middle of the Spring semester

By-Law Amendments – Electoral Standing Committee

Amendments to by-laws 11(8) [see BC Registry Filings].

PASSED

By-Law Amendments – Society Office Location

Amendments to 7(3) d) [see BC Registry Filings].

PASSED

By-Law Amendments – Ombuds Office

Replace the current By-Law 20: Ombuds Office with the new by-law [see BC Registry Filings].

PASSED

By-Law Amendments – Increasing the Number of Election Posters

Amendments to 11(11) a) and 11(13) a) with regards to increasing the required number of posters advertising SFSS elections from 25 to 100.

FAILED

By-Law Amendments – Departments of the Society

Add a new By-Law, By-Law 21: Departments of the Society to include provisions on the Women's Centre and Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Centre*.

**Now the Out on Campus Centre.*

FAILED

SFSS Name Change

Resolution to change the name of the Simon Fraser Student Society to the Simon Fraser Student Union.

FAILED (failed to meet quorum of 550)

1999

No referenda

2000

No referenda

2001

Constitutional Amendments

Do you agree that the Constitution of the Simon Fraser Student Society be amended as proposed by the Student Forum in its resolution of February 14, 2001 and that these changes take effect on May 1, 2001?

YES: 865

NO: 183

PASSED (Required 75% support)

By-Law Amendments – Elections

In the past several years a number of attempts have been made to modernize the Simon Fraser Student Society's By-Laws so that the business of the Society can be carried out more efficiently and effectively. The most recent review process was concluded in February 2001. Do you agree that the By-Laws of the Simon Fraser Student Society be amended as proposed by the Student Forum in its resolution of February 14, 2001. That the Spring 2002 elections be conducted in accordance with the new By-Law 14 and elect a Board of Directors and Student Forum as provided for in the new By-Laws 5 and 7, and that the remaining changes take effect May 1, 2002?

YES: 853

NO: 185

PASSED (Required 75% support)

SFSS Capital Levy and Space Expansion Fund Re-dedication

In 1989 the Student Society established a \$15 per semester capital levy and Space Expansion Fund to fund the expansion of the Maggie Benston Centre, in which the Society has its services, offices, and other student space. Do you agree that the levy and fund should be re-dedicated and continued to support the future expansion, renovation, and ongoing maintenance of existing and future space for the students, student groups and student activities at SFU, Yes or No?

YES: 821

NO: 298

PASSED

WUSC Referendum

Do you support funding the Student Refugee Sponsorship Program at SFU at a cost of \$0.50 per full time student per semester? This will increase the Student Activity Fee by \$0.50 per full time student per semester

YES: 986

NO: 193

PASSED

2002

First Nations Student Association (FNSEA)

Whereas the FNSEA currently receives no funding from the SFU administration or SFSS;

Whereas only 6.3% of aboriginal persons enroll in post-secondary education as compared to 11.8% of the general population (Statistics Canada, 1998-1999);

Whereas it is vital for peer-based services to be available that recognizes the cultural perspective and position of aboriginal students;

Do you support funding SFU First Nations Student Association at a cost of \$0.75 per full time student per semester for the purposes of community building, cultural awareness and support services? This will increase the Student Activity Fee by \$0.75 per full time student per semester.

PASSED

U-Pass Establishment (Attempt #1)

Whereas the U-Pass (Universal Transit Pass) ensures that all SFU students have unlimited access to the SkyTrain, Bus and SeaBus anytime anywhere; and Whereas students at UVIC, Camosun College, Trent University currently enjoy the benefits of the U-Pass; and Whereas the U-Pass will reduce car traffic and reduce the frustrating competition for parking passes and spaces at SFU; and Whereas the equivalent of a 3-zone bus pass currently costs \$120 per month for part time students and \$63 per month for full time students;

Are you in favour of the SFSS arranging with TransLink to provide every student with a U-Pass resulting in a maximum addition to the student society fee of \$20 per month incremented annually by \$2 to a maximum of \$26 per month in 2006?*

This question **did not get put on the ballot in the Spring 2002 election period as the IEC determined the "yes" committee combined infractions resulted in a biased and tainted referendum process and warranted cancelling the U-Pass referendum question*

U-Pass Establishment (Attempt #2)

Are you in favour of increasing the Simon Fraser Student Society Membership Fee by an amount not to exceed \$23 per month to implement a universal transit pass (U-Pass) for each student enrolled at SFU?

YES: 2,942

NO: 2,909

PASSED

2003

Peak Membership Fee

Are you in favour of increasing the Peak Publication Society membership fee by \$1 per full-time student per semester (\$0.50 per part-time student per semester)? This will increase the Student Activity Fee by \$1 per full-time student per semester (\$0.50 per part-time student per semester).

YES: 560

NO: 431

PASSED

Peak Membership Fee – CPI

Are you in favour of attaching the Peak Publications Society membership fee to the Consumer Price Index, to be adjusted on an annual basis?

YES: 391

NO: 581

FAILED

By-Law Amendments - Quorum Requirements

Lowering quorum expectations from 500 to 200

FAILED (did not meet quorum)

By-Law Amendments - Single Candidates in Elections/By-elections

Introduce a yes/no vote for unopposed (single) candidates

FAILED (did not meet quorum)

By-Law Amendments - International Student Representative

Create a seat on board for an international student representative

FAILED (did not meet quorum)

2004

No referenda

2005

SFSS Activity Fee

Whereas the SFSS fee is the lowest student union fee in Western Canada, and

Whereas the current SFSS fee is \$24.35/semester for full-time students and \$12.18/semester for part-time students, and

Whereas the SFSS fee has not been increased in the past 10 years, and

Whereas the average rate of inflation is approximately 2% per year, and

Whereas the proposed fee increase would be implemented in September 2005 should this referendum be approved?

Do you support an SFSS fee increase of 65-cents per full-time student and 33-cents per part-time student?

Do you support the SFSS fee being adjusted annually to the rate of inflation at April 30, or 2%, whichever is less, effective fall 2006?

YES: 2,195

NO: 2,253

SPOILED: 239

FAILED

Accessibility Fund

Whereas there is currently no funding available from the SFU administration or the SFSS to make campus activities/events accessible to students with disabilities,

Whereas it is imperative that students with disabilities are not excluded from taking an active part on campus life,

Whereas 42% of students with disabilities' accessibility needs are unmet in post-secondary schools (Statistics Canada: Participation and Activity Limitation Survey, 2001)

Do you support establishing an accessibility fund at a cost of \$0.75 per full time student per semester for the purposes of increasing the accessibility of (and removing barriers to participation in) campus activities and events

for students with disabilities? This will increase the Student Activity Fee by \$0.75 per full time student per semester.

YES: 3,345

NO: 1,096

SPOILED: 250

PASSED

Graduate Student Health Plan

Whereas all SFSS members (SFU students) must be able to vote on any question put to referendum;

Whereas a graduate student plebiscite is being conducted concurrently with this referendum question to ensure that graduate students support the proposed plan;

Whereas undergraduate and graduate students have significantly different health care needs;

Whereas the plan of extended health and dental benefits will only apply to graduate students;

Whereas graduate students with comparable coverage will be able to opt-out of the plan;

Whereas the plan will begin in September 2005;

Do you support graduate students paying a separate fee of up to \$300.00 a year for a group plan of extended health and dental benefits for graduate students?

YES: 2,963

NO: 1,162

SPOILED: 478

PASSED

Health Plan Plebiscite (grad students only)

Whereas according to the University-Act and SFSS by-laws, SFSS members (all SFU students) must be able to vote on any question put to referendum;

Whereas the Student Society wants to ensure that graduate students support the group plan of extended health and dental benefits as proposed in the referendum question;

Do you support the group plan of extended health and dental benefits?

YES: 336

NO: 55

SPOILED: 16

PASSED

U-Pass Fee Increase

Whereas the U-Pass program has been in operation at Simon Fraser University for two years without a price increase; and,

Whereas students taking only Distance Education courses would be exempt should this referendum question pass; and,

Whereas students taking only designated off-campus courses, except students on co-op in the GVRD, would be exempt should this referendum question pass; and,

Whereas a \$50,000 fund has been created to reimburse the whole or partial cost of the U-Pass to students with extenuating circumstances; and,

Whereas the proposed increase would bring the total cost of unlimited transit for U-Pass holders to \$98 per semester; and,

Whereas the price of the U-Pass will not increase for three years, and

Whereas the failure of this question at referendum means the termination of the U-Pass program.

Do you agree with \$1.50/month increase to the U-Pass fee?

YES: 3,969

NO 766

SPOILED: 62

PASSED

2006

Student Society Membership Dues

Whereas the Simon Fraser Student Society (SFSS) membership dues have not been increased in the past 10 years, and Whereas there are currently over 85 active department student unions, graduate caucuses, and constituency groups within the SFSS, and Whereas there are 118 SFSS clubs active this semester, and Whereas the budget allocations to these groups were insufficient to fully fund their activities in previous years, and Whereas additional funding will enable these groups to expand their activities and increase their presence on campus,

Do you support an increase in membership dues of \$1 per full-time student and \$0.50 per part-time student per semester for the exclusive use of department student unions, graduate caucuses, and SFSS clubs?

YES: 1,022

NO: 783

PASSED

World University Services Canada (WUSC) Fee Increase

Whereas World University Services Canada (WUSC) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization that has provided the student refugee program at SFU since 1982; Whereas the program allows refugees whose lives are in danger to continue their education in Canada; Whereas the current fee of 50-cents per semester for full-time students and 25-cents per semester for part-time students supports a refugee student for one year through the student refugee program; Whereas the proposed fee increase would enable WUSC's SFU community to support each student for two years

Do you support a WUSC fee increase of 50-cents per full-time student and 25-cents per part-time student per semester?

YES: 1,190

NO: 605

PASSED

CJSF Radio Fee Increase

Whereas CJSF 90.1FM, SFU's campus/community radio station, is committed to bringing diverse, quality programming to the SFU campus community, the Lower Mainland, and the world wide web, and Whereas the current fee of \$3.00 per student was last increased in 1996, and Whereas increased funds will best enable CJSF to follow through on set goals which include: station renovations, technical equipment upgrades, a move to 24-hour live programming, further integration with campus and community-based groups including Rotunda groups, Clan athletics, and non-profit organisations working for positive social change, and continually improving unique, diverse programming and broadcasting opportunities that relate to all SFU communities, Do you support increasing the CJSF fee by \$0.50 per full-time student and \$0.25 per part-time student per semester?

YES: 798

NO: 1,012

FAILED

Plebiscite on Bylaw Amendments

Whereas the current bylaws prohibit bylaw changes by referendum; and Whereas the mechanism available for bylaw changes, the Annual General Meeting has proven unable to achieve and maintain quorum long enough to change any bylaws; and

Whereas the Society has been, as a result, unable to change its bylaws since 2001;

Be it resolved that the Simon Fraser Student Society is encouraged to seek the following change to Bylaw 13 through means other than an Annual General Meeting.

1. The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by special resolution passed at an Annual General Meeting, at a Special General Meeting, or by a referendum held in accordance with Bylaw 17.

2. Notice of a proposed amendment however initiated shall be given in accordance with Bylaw 10(3) providing notice of the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting, or in accordance with Bylaw 17(6) for a referendum question, and shall include the actual wording of the proposed amendment.
3. Amendments to be voted on at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting may be initiated by:
 - a. The Board
 - b. Forum
 - c. Any member in good standing of the Society if twenty-one days notice of the actual wording of the proposed amendment is given in writing to the Society prior to the Annual General Meeting
 - d. Any member of the Society requesting a Special General Meeting for the consideration of a proposed amendment, provided that the proposed amendment shall be accompanied by a petition setting out the text of the proposed amendment and requesting a Special General Meeting for its consideration and accompanied by the signatures of not less than five percent of the members in good standing of the Society.
 - i. Amendments to be voted on by referendum may be initiated in accordance with Bylaw 17(3).

YES: 1,128

NO: 476

PASSED

Impeachments

Be it resolved, as a special resolution, that Shawn Hunsdale be impeached and removed as President and as a director of the Society.

Be it resolved, as a special resolution, that Margo Dunnet be impeached and removed as External Relations Officer and as a director of the Society.

Be it resolved, as a special resolution, that Wei Li be impeached and removed as Internal Relations Officer and as a director of the Society.

Be it resolved, as a special resolution, that Glyn Lewis be impeached and removed as Member Services Officer and as a director of the Society.

Be it resolved, as a special resolution, that Vanessa Kelly be impeached and removed as Treasurer and as a director of the Society

Be it resolved, as a special resolution, that Marion Pollock be impeached and removed as a director of the Society

Be it resolved, as a special resolution, that Erica Halpern be impeached and removed as a director of the Society

PASSED

By-Law Amendments – Special Resolutions on Graduate Issues

Be it resolved, as special resolutions, that:

a) By-Law 6, section 5(a) be amended to read: “The Board shall maintain as a standing committee a Graduate Issues Committee. This committee shall receive and have exclusive authority over an annual budget of not less than 25% of the balance of the value of the unrestricted student fees collected from graduate students;”

b) By-Law 5, section 5(b) be amended to read: “the Graduate Issues Committee shall be make up of graduate student members and be charged with discussing and addressing issues of specific importance to graduate students and advising the Board and other agents of the Society of its decisions;”

c) By-Law 8, section 6(f) be rescinded; and

d) By-Law 8, section 6(c) be amended to read: “Notwithstanding any other provision in these By-Laws, the Graduate Issues Committee shall have exclusive authority to appoint an acting Graduate Issues Officer or acting At-Large Graduate Student Representative to the Board, and such appointments shall not need ratification by Forum.”

PASSED

By-Law Amendments – Special Resolution on Fee Levies

Be it resolved, as a special resolution, that By-Law 17, section 1(a) be amended to add: “Referenda regarding fees to be levied only upon undergraduate students or regarding the expenditure of funds raised through such fees shall be voted on by undergraduate students only; referenda regarding fees to be levied only upon graduate students or regarding the expenditure of funds raised through such fees shall be voted on by graduate students only.”

PASSED

2007

Independent Graduate Association

Do you agree that a separate and independent graduate student society should be created to represent the interests of the graduate students at SFU?

PASSED (82% in favour)

If the graduate student society is created do you agree that graduate students should no longer be represented by the SFSS?

PASSED (64.4% in favour)

If the graduate student society is created, do you agree that the unrestricted fee graduate students pay the SFSS should be instead remitted to the graduate student society once incorporated?

PASSED (97.5% in favour)

Canadian Federation of Students Exit

Do you agree that the Simon Fraser Student Society should do the following:

- a. Cease to be a member of the CFS and the CFS British Columbia component, as well as cease to be a member of the Canadian Federation of Students-Services; and
- b. Cease collecting student fees for the CFS and CFS British Columbia component (at present \$7.50 per full time student per semester; \$3.72 per part time student per semester: \$23.50 for a full time year; \$11.16 for a part time year for a total of \$435,204.72 for 2006); and
- c. Instead collect \$7.50 per full-time student per semester and \$3.72 per part time student per semester, and put fees towards improving student services such as departmental student unions, club infrastructure, online student services, affordable student housing staffing at satellite campuses, a publicly accessible indexed archive of SFSS documents and lobbying the government for SFU student interests

PASSED (78% in favour; 877 votes)

By-Law Amendments – Special Resolutions to By-Law 10

Be it resolved that By-Law 10.3 be amended to read: “Electronic memoranda to all active members of the Society, unless the University is unable or declines to provide the necessary access to student electronic lists.”

AND

That By-Law 10.6 be amended to read: “If within thirty minutes from the time appointed for the Annual General Meeting a quorum is not present, quorum shall be twenty members in good standing of the Society, and the meeting shall transact only such business as is specifically referred to in By-Law 10(2)(a-f).”

PASSED

By-Law Amendments – Special Resolutions to By-Law 10.9

Be it resolved that By-Law 10.9 be amended to read: “Quorum for the Annual General Meeting and any Special General Meeting shall be two hundred and fifty (250) members in good standing of the Society.”

PASSED

By-Law Amendments – Special Resolutions to By-Law 13

Be it resolved that By-Law 13.1 be amended to read: “The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by special resolution passed at an Annual General Meeting, at a Special General Meeting, or by indirect voting via referendum held in accordance with By-Law 17.”

AND

That By-Law 13.3 be amended to read: “Amendments may be initiated by:

- a. The Board
- b. Forum
- c. Any member in good standing of the Society
 - i. If twenty-one days notice of the actual wording of the proposed amendment is given in writing to the Society prior to the Annual General Meeting;
 - ii. Requesting a Special General Meeting for the consideration of a proposed amendment, provided that the proposed amendment shall be accompanied by a petition setting out the text of the proposed amendment and requesting a Special General Meeting for its consideration and accompanied by the signatures of not less than five percent of the members in good standing of the Society;
 - iii. In accordance with By-Law 17.3 when special resolutions are to be considered via indirect voting by a referenda.”

PASSED

Constitutional Amendments – Board Structure

Do you support amending the SFSS Constitution and by-laws as referenced in the document titles, “Appendix A: Structural Reform of the Simon Fraser Student Society Board of Directors” replacing the current structure of two at-larges and multiple faculty reps (currently six, but soon to be eight) with six at-large directors? To be Effective 1 May 2009, and the position to be contested in the March General Election*.

YES: 1,195

NO: 1,370

FAILED

**This replaces the faculty reps with at-larges and assigns said at-larges portfolios to cover the loss of representation to faculties, these portfolios include arts students liaison, applied sciences students liaison, science students liaison, health science students liaison, education students liaison, residence students liaison, international students liaison, disabled students liaison, Vancouver liaison, and Surrey liaison, New liaisons can be created and rescinded by a 2/3rds vote of the Board of Directors.)*

2008

Student Fee Increase

Are you in favour of a fee increase of NOT MORE THAN \$198 per year for the purpose of offering both an undergraduate extended health plan and an undergraduate dental plan (inclusive of an undergraduate health/dental plan reserve fund and committee, broker fees, premium taxes, the cost of the plan(s), and a 1% service and handling charge requested by the University); commencing 1 January 2009?”

YES: 2,095

NO: 569

PASSED

CFS De-Federation

Are you in favour of maintaining membership in the Canadian Federation of Students?

YES: 1,469

NO: 2,979

PASSED*

If the Simon Fraser Student Society ceases to be a member of the Canadian Federation of Students, do you agree that the former CFS membership fees of \$7.64 per semester for full time students and \$3.82 for part-time students should be redirected into a Society Development Fund which will result in no overall fee increase for students?

YES: 3,021

NO: 1,128

PASSED

*This resolution passed because the wording required a “No” answer to de-federate.

By-Law Amendment – By-Law 14(17) Nominations

Do you support the amendment of By-Law 14(17) as written:

14(17)

- a. If only one valid nomination is received for a particular office, the Independent Electoral Commission will conduct an election in which the nominated candidate will face a “yes/no” election.
- b. If a candidate fails to receive a majority of “yes” votes, then the contested position will remain vacant.

YES: 3,134

NO: 853

PASSED

By-Law Amendment – Creation of By-Law 22 and changes to By-Law 17(3)

Do you support the creation of By-Law 22 as written and the corresponding changes to By-Law 17(3)?*

**See 2008 Spring General Election and Referendum Report for full text. This by-law amendment added the new By-Law “Membership in Provincial and National Student Organisations” as a result of the lengthy process to de-federate from the Canadian Federation of Students.*

YES: 2,505

NO: 1,144

PASSED*

**This by-law passed while the interpretation of the SFSS By-Laws as it relates to referenda for by-laws used a 75% majority as the threshold for passing, despite the by-laws also allowing 2/3 majority due to the definition of ordinary resolution in the “Interpretations” section.*

Fraternities and Sororities Non-Binding Plebiscite

Whereas Fraternities and Sororities are part of the University experience for many campuses; and Whereas this question is non-binding for the purpose of polling undergraduate students at SFU;

Are you in favour of Simon Fraser University rescinding its ban towards on- and off-campus Fraternities and Sororities?

PASSED

2009

Increase in CJSF Fee

Whereas CJSF Radio is a student-supported radio service providing free training to student and community volunteers in broadcasting and journalism and has not had an increase in fee levy in over 12 years, and Whereas CJSF would like to improve its service and accessibility to students by establishing a satellite studio in conjunction with the W2 project adjacent to the new downtown SFU Contemporary Arts campus, and Whereas CJSF requires national advocacy support for issues such as CRTC regulation and copyright via a strong student radio movement and the National Campus/Community Radio Association,

Do you agree to an increase of 75 cents per full-time students (38 cents per part-time student) on the current \$3.00 (\$1.50 per part-time students) allocated to the campus radio station; with 25 cents of this increase (13 cents per part-time students) going to the National Campus and Community Radio Association?

YES: 1,354

NO: 1,328

PASSED

Society Affiliations

Whereas last March 66% of SFU students who voted chose to leave the Canadian Federation of Students; and Whereas membership in said organisation was a toxic and problematic arrangement; and Whereas the Canadian Federation of Students is an ineffective organisation;

Do you agree to the following, in order for the Simon Fraser Student Society to avoid entering into a binding contract with an extra-university student association/federation or society for at least the next five years, that,

- 1) No SFSS Board of Directors or meeting of Forum can vote to reinstate or acquire membership in an extra-university student association or other similar body
- 2) That the Simon Fraser Student Society will remain independent of any extra-university association or similar body for at least the next five years

YES: 1,774

NO: 786

PASSED

By-Law Amendment – Updating External Relations Officer Position Description

Whereas SFU undergraduates are no longer members of the Canadian Federation of Students and therefore, there is no need for us to have a liaison to this body:

Do you agree to amend By-Law 4. (1.) (c.) to read "Act as a liaison between the Society, and other student unions," and thus remove reference to the Canadian Federation of Students?

YES: 1,956

NO: 576

PASSED

By-Law Amendment – Prevention of Outside Interference in Elections

Whereas it's annoying enough having to deal with SFU undergraduates pushing their wares on you without non-SFU undergraduates engaging in the same annoying tactics; and Whereas it's against current election policy to allow outside campaigners to interfere in SFSS elections; therefore,

Do you agree to the addition of By-Law 14 (15) (b.) which reads; "Only Members of the Simon Fraser Student Society may campaign for or on behalf of candidates or referenda during any election period,"?

YES: 1,924

NO: 640

PASSED

By-Law Amendment – Democratic Reform to SFSS Forum

Whereas SFSS Forum is an advisory body to the Board of Directors and therefore it makes no sense that directors have a vote on said body; therefore

Do you agree to the following By-Law amendments in order to give forum an independent voice?:

Delete By-Law 7 (2) (a.) and rearrange all following clauses of By-Law 7 accordingly, this currently reads "Forum shall consist of: a. The members of the Board."

Add By-Law 7 (5) to read, "Notwithstanding By-Law 7 (2) members of the Board of Directors shall be honorary members of Forum as referenced in By-Law 1."

YES: 1,774

NO: 555

PASSED

By-Law Amendment – Accountability in External Provincial and National Student Organisations

Whereas membership in external provincial and national student organisations in the past has been subject to dubious standards of accountability; and Whereas external provincial and national organisations have limited the constitutional charter rights of undergraduate students to freedom of association; therefore,

Do you agree to the creation of By-Law 22 and amendments to By-Law 17 as written in "Appendix A" setting standards of accountability for membership in external national and provincial student organisations?

Appendix A: Accountability in External Provincial and National Student Organisations

[Creation of] By-Law 22: Accountability in External Provincial and National Student Organisations

1. The Society may become a member of a provincial or national student organisation that requires the Society or its members to pay a membership fee to that organisation, but only if the Society and the organisation enter into a binding, written agreement, which will remain in effect as long as the Society is a member of the organisation. The agreement must guarantee the following:

- a. The Society's membership in the organisation does not preclude the Society's membership in other organisations.
- b. The organisation will make its by-laws, policies and minutes available online to all members of the Society within three (3) months of their approval.
- c. The organisation will, within two (2) months of receipt of a written request from any member of the Society, provide to them a copy of any document in care or control of the organisation not lawfully required to be kept private.
- d. The organisation recognizes that the Society reserves the right to terminate its membership in the organisation according to the Society's by-laws and policy and according to any of the following procedures:
 - i) by resolution of the Board if the Society joined the organisation by resolution of the Board;
 - ii) by resolution of a General Meeting if the Society joined the organisation by resolution of the Board or by resolution of a General Meeting; or
 - iii) by referendum in any case conducted in accordance with By-Law 17.

2. If the Society terminates its membership in an organisation as described in By-Law 22(1) by any means other than referendum, and if the Society normally collects a membership fee from its members on behalf of that organisation and remits it to that organisation, then the Society will immediately cease collecting fees.

3. If a resolution is put to referendum to terminate the Society's membership in an organisation as described in By-Law 22(1), and if the Society normally collects a membership fee from its members on behalf of that organisation and remits it to that organisation, then a resolution to cease collecting the membership fee shall be automatically put to referendum according to By-Law 17 to occur concurrently with the referendum on ceasing membership in the organisation.

YES: 1,934

NO: 392

PASSED

2010

Fee for Sustainable SFU

Are you in favour of a new fee of \$2 per full time student per semester and \$1 per part time student per semester to be levied for the benefit of sustainability-related initiatives on campus through Sustainable SFU? (Sustainable SFU past projects include a Sustainability Festival, the SFU Local Food project, and the Sustainable Advisory Committee.)

YES: 751

NO: 572

PASSED

Exception to Terms of Space Expansion Fund

Whereas the SFSS has a mandate to provide services and support for its members; Whereas the new SFU Woodward's campus has no student controlled space; Whereas the SFSS has an opportunity to acquire student space in W2 at Woodward's; Whereas the SFSS space expansion fund is limited to use for SFU-owned property;

Do you support an exception to the terms of the Space Expansion Fund to allow the acquisition and maintenance of Student Society space in the W2 Community Media Arts Society space at the Woodwards development in Vancouver?

YES: 822

NO: 458

PASSED

By-Law Amendment – Polling Hours

Whereas By-Law 14.18(b) states that “Polling for all positions shall occur between the hours of 9:30am and 7:30pm”, the introduction of online voting makes it unnecessary to impose such time limits. It is likely that an increased number of voting hours will lead to a higher voter turnout since students can vote on their own time at any place with internet access.

Do you agree to amend by-law 14.18(b) to read “Polling for all positions shall occur at least between the hours of 9:30am and 7:30pm”?

YES: 1,024

NO: 270

PASSED

By-Law Amendment – Ombuds Office

Whereas this bylaw is now redundant because the SFSS jointly funds the university Ombuds Office with the GSS and SFU;

Do you support the removal of By-Law 19 "Ombuds Office" in its entirety?

YES: 897

NO: 318

PASSED*

**At the time, the by-laws were interpreted that a 75% majority was required for by-law changes, and this resolution achieved a 73% majority (this would meet the threshold for passing by 2/3 majority, which is also allowed per the by-laws at this time, as per the definition of ordinary resolution in the “Interpretations” section). This was “mistakenly” reported and ratified as having passed.*

Increase to Extended Health and Dental Plan Fee

WHEREAS undergraduate students at SFU currently pay a special levy of \$198 per student per year to fund the undergraduate extended health and dental plan ("the Health Care Levy"); and

WHEREAS increases in the Health Care Levy are tied to the increases in the costs of benefits and their usage; and

WHEREAS the level of services that undergraduates currently receive under the

extended health and dental plan will have to be cut if the Health Care Levy is not increased; and

WHEREAS the Society anticipates that it will need to implement an increase in the fall of 2011 and/or at some point(s) thereafter; therefore

Do you agree that the Society be authorized to increase the amount of the Health Care Levy in the fall of 2011, or anytime thereafter to maintain the general levels of benefits, to a maximum of \$230 per student per year, this maximum to be adjusted by inflation as determined by the Consumer Price Index?

YES: 797

NO: 879

FAILED

SFSS By-Law Amendment - Campaigning

WHEREAS By-law 14.15.(a) reads, "All campaign posters and related paraphernalia shall be removed by midnight prior to the day of the commencement of polling", and this restricts what the Independent Electoral Commission may regulate about a Society election or referendum.

Do you agree to remove By-law 14.15(a)?

YES: 948

NO: 711

FAILED (Required 75% or 2/3 majority – achieved 57%)*

**This was officially reported as having passed, but the changes were not filed with the Registrar due to the error*

Non-Binding Plebiscite – Financial Accountability of Other Campus Organizations

Whereas the SFSS remits fees to other organizations and these organizations should be financially accountable:

Do you agree that external groups that collect a fee from all undergraduate students with a total value of more than \$25,000 per year be required to submit a public, external and independent financial audit each year at the SFSS Annual General Meeting?

Do you further agree that the SFSS should draft a question on this topic to be put to a binding referendum in the spring of 2011?

YES: 1,479

NO: 192

PASSED

2011

U-Pass Fee Increase and Continuation

Whereas the current SFU U-Pass fee is \$26.05 per student per month;

Whereas the current monthly transit pass is \$81 for one zone, \$110 for two zones and \$151 for three zones;

Whereas the failure of this question at referendum means the termination of the U-Pass program;

Are you in favour of continuing the U-Pass (also known as One-pass) program by increasing the U-Pass fee by \$3.95 per month?

YES: 5,462

NO: 202

PASSED

SFSS By-Law Amendment – Removal of IRO

WHEREAS the Board of Directors will be retaining a full-time General Manager over the next year to assist in managing the day to day operations of the SFSS; AND WHEREAS the position of Internal Relations Officer on the Board of Directors will then no longer be necessary; AND WHEREAS a General Manager will bring continuity and strength to future endeavors of the organization; AND WHEREAS eliminating the position of Internal Relations Officer requires an amendment to the SFSS Bylaws.

Do you agree that the position of Internal Relations Officer should be phased out over the next year? Thereby do you agree that the following SFSS bylaws will be amended:

Effective May 1, 2012, Bylaw 8(6)(b), 14(4), and 1-vi be amended to remove “Internal Relations Officer”.

Effective May 1, 2012, Bylaw 4.2 be deleted and the Bylaws be renumbered accordingly.

Effective May 1, 2012, By-Law 6.11 be amended to read “Quorum for a meeting of the Board shall be a majority of seats filled, including three (3) Executive Officers.”

YES: 2,593

NO: 983

FAILED (Required 75% majority – achieved 72%)*

**This technically could have passed if the interpretation of the by-laws used the definition of ordinary resolution included in the “Interpretations” section.*

WUSC Fee Increase

Whereas the World University Service of Canada (WUSC) is a non-profit, nongovernmental organization that has provided the Student Refugee Program at SFU since 1982; and Whereas the program allows refugees whose lives are in danger to escape from the hopelessness of a refugee camp and continue their education in Canada; and Whereas the current fee of one dollar per semester for full-time students and 50 cents per semester for part-time students affords the sponsorship of two refugee students per year; and Whereas the proposed fee increase would

allow WUSC's SFU community to sponsor four refugee students per year; and Whereas the proposed fee increase would match the support given by UVic and UBC to the program in terms of students sponsored per year; therefore

Do you support a WUSC fee increase of \$1.50 per full-time student and \$0.75 per part time student per semester?

YES: 3,401

NO: 1,459

PASSED

2012

Schools Building Schools Levy

Whereas Schools Building Schools (SBS) is a registered international charity, based out of SFU & made up of SFU students and Alumni, who are focused on improving the living standards of the poor and underprivileged in Eastern Africa by providing access to quality vocational (trades) education.

Whereas SBS is looking to put to referendum a question asking for student sponsored financial support (thereabouts \$2.00/annually) for its legitimate and transparent charitable endeavours.

Whereas after extensive research, SBS found that acquiring small donations in greater numbers was the most effective way to support its goals. By talking with students and receiving an overwhelmingly positive response, it was decided to look to the student population of SFU for their support to help build vocational schools and facilitate vocational training for those in need.

Are you in favor of a new fee of \$1 per full-time student per semester and \$0.50 per part-time student per semester to be levied for the benefit of the charitable international initiatives of Schools Building Schools?

YES: 1,407

NO: 779

PASSED

If so, do you further agree that students be given the power to opt out from paying this levy?

YES: 1,781

NO: 373

PASSED

By-Law Amendment - Referenda

Whereas allowing the Society to take issues to referendum more frequently gives students more opportunity to vote;

Do you agree to amend By-Law 17 – Referenda to read as follows (Italicized clauses represent amended clauses)?

By-Law 17 – Referenda

1. A) the members may vote on resolutions concerning the activities of the Society by means of a referendum.
b) Any such resolution shall require a majority of the votes cast except where prohibited by these By-Laws or the Society Act.
2. Resolutions may be put to referendum in the Fall Semester or concurrently with the next regularly scheduled Society election or by-election.
3. Resolutions may be put to referendum by a simple majority vote of the Board or Forum, except where prohibited by these By-Laws.
4. During a general election or by-election, resolutions may be put to referendum upon presentation of a petition to the Board which contains the text of the proposed resolution and the signatures of five (5) percent of the members in good standing of the Society, or according to By-Law 22(1)(d) or By-Law 22(3).
5. Upon presentation of a duly signed petition for referendum the Board must place the question on the ballot of the next regularly scheduled election or by-election.
6. The referendum shall be conducted by the Independent Electoral Commission in accordance with By-Law 14.

7. Due notice shall be deemed to have been given by compliance with the provisions of By-Law 10.3 relating to notice.

8. No referendum shall be deemed valid or binding on the Society unless a minimum of five (5) percent of the members in good standing of the Society have cast ballots in the referendum.

9. The Independent Electoral Commission shall report on the conduct and results of the referendum to the Board for ratification.

YES: 1,364

NO: 296

PASSED

SFSS Space Expansion Fund - Reallocation

Whereas the following reallocation of fees would result in no net increase in funds collected by the SFSS:

Do you agree that \$5.00 per full time student and \$2.50 per part time student be reallocated from the Space Expansion Fee in the following manner (amount will be prorated for part-time students)?

\$1.25 to Departmental Student Unions

\$1.25 to Student Clubs

\$0.50 to Out on Campus

\$0.50 to the Women's Centre

\$0.25 to the Bursary contribution

\$0.25 to Events

\$1.00 to the operating fund

YES: 1,202

NO: 854

PASSED

Build SFU Levy

As part of a project called Build SFU, the Simon Fraser Student Society ("SFSS") has partnered with campus organizations to create new student space. The SFSS is proposing the construction of a student union building and stadium at SFU Burnaby. The student union building will be student operated and a place for students to call their own. It will contain student space such as meeting rooms, department student union and club space, 24-hour lounges, and study spaces. As part of this proposal, starting January 1, 2014, the SFSS would implement a new membership levy of \$10 per semester for the purpose of funding construction, maintenance, and utility costs. The levy will increase by \$10 on January 1 of each following year until 2022, at which point it will be capped and adjusted annually for inflation according to the Canadian Consumer Price Index (CPI).

The levy will be pro-rated for part-time students according to existing SFSS policy. A procedure will be established for students who demonstrate financial distress to apply for assistance in paying this levy.

Are you in favour of this proposal?

YES: 1,193

NO: 1,003

PASSED

2013

U-Pass Fee Increase

Whereas the current monthly adult transit pass is \$91 for one zone, \$124 for two zones and \$170 for three zones; and Whereas the U-Pass BC Program represents a discounted transit fare for students in Metro Vancouver; and Whereas the current U-Pass BC Program costs \$30 per month, and Whereas the failure of this question at referendum means the termination of the U-Pass program for undergraduate students at SFU.

Are you in favour of continuing the U-Pass BC program for all eligible undergraduate students until 2015, on the following fee schedule commencing:

May 1st, 2013: \$35.00 per month

May 1st, 2014: \$36.75 per month

May 1st, 2015: \$38.00 per month

YES: 4,895

NO: 179

PASSED

By-Law Amendments – Faculty Student Unions and Executive Officer Titles

Be it resolved that the By-Law amendments be accepted as presented, to be effective May 1, 2014.

Note: the purpose of the amendments to the by-laws of the Society is to incorporate Faculty Student Unions and to change the titles of the Executive Officers [attached revisions of By-Laws 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23 as found in the BC Registry Filings].

PASSED

2014

SFSS Extended Health and Dental Plan Fee Increase

Whereas the SFSS Extended Health and Dental Plan was launched in 2008 at a fixed fee of \$198 with no mechanism to increase the fee to keep pace with inflation, except via referendum; Whereas higher cost of healthcare services covered by the plan along with an increase in the Plan's usage since it was launched, have resulted in necessary benefit cuts to the plan three times in order to avoid increasing the Plan fee; Whereas some students would prefer to pay more to have a higher level of coverage while others would prefer to keep the Plan Fee as low as possible; Whereas operational and technological improvements have been made by the Plan administrator which can accommodate a greater range of students' choice and healthcare needs, allowing those students who want higher benefits to pay a higher fee and those students who prefer lower coverage to pay a lower fee; Whereas, if approved, students would automatically be enrolled in the Flexible Plan with enhanced benefits at a cost of \$255 per year, but would have the option to choose the Basic Plan with reduced benefits at a cost of \$198 (current fee), or opt out entirely if they are covered by an equivalent health and/or dental plan; Whereas a detailed description of coverage increases for the 2014-15 Plan Policy year can be found at www.sfss.ca/HealthPlanQ1

Do you support an increase to the SFSS Health & Dental Plan Fee to \$255 per policy year for expanded and increased benefits under a Flexible Plan, as a result of which students would still retain the option to choose a lower level of coverage at a lower cost (current fee), or opt out completely if they have equivalent coverage?

YES: 1,586

NO: 603

PASSED

SFSS Extended Health and Dental Plan – Board Authority to Alter Fee

Whereas the SFSS Extended Health and Dental Plan was launched in 2008 at a fixed fee of \$198 with no mechanism to increase the fee to keep pace with inflation, except via referendum; Whereas students at the time voted in favour of the Plan's coverage levels as much as they voted for its price ceiling; Whereas the possibility to increase the Plan Fee, except via referendum, does not currently exist and has resulted in benefit reductions three times since the Plan's launch due to higher costs of healthcare services by the plan and an increase in the Plan's usage; whereas without the possibility to increase the Plan Fee, except via referendum, it is likely that Plan benefits will be reduced again; Whereas the SFSS Board, upon a recommendation from the Extended Health & Dental Plan Committee, already possesses the ability to make benefit reductions to the plan; Whereas any motion regarding an increase in Plan Fee will be posted on the SFSS website and social media, SFSS Council's agenda, as well as through an email to all SFSS members, four weeks in advance of being considered at Board; Whereas, effective as of the 2015-16 Plan Policy year, the option of increasing Plan Fees to maintain coverage levels will only be considered when faced with a reduction in Plan Benefits;

Do you grant the SFSS Board the continuing authority to choose between the options of reducing SFSS Extended Health and Dental Plan benefits or increasing the Plan Fees by a maximum of up to 5% in any given year, by formal motion of the Board as per SFSS by-laws and regulations?

YES: 1,033

NO: 1,071

FAILED

SASS Establishment (Arts and Social Sciences students only)

Whereas the students of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences [FASS] desire to establish a Faculty Student Union; Whereas the Society of Arts and Social Sciences has organised and operated initiatives such as Arts Frosh, Arts Week, Faculty Debates, Formal Events, and the production of academic journals; Whereas the students and Department Student Unions of FASS desire to have such activities continue on an official capacity; Whereas the Society of Arts and Social Sciences has been recognized by Forum, as of the meeting of November 30, 2011, as the body representing the students of FASS; Whereas the Society of Arts and Social Sciences has been operating as the Student Union of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences since its inception;

Be it resolved that the Society of Arts and Social Sciences be recognized as the official Faculty Student Union for the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences as of May 1, 2014.

YES: 707

NO: 55

PASSED

Approval of a Debenture in Respect of the Construction of a New Student Union Building and Stadium

A. Whereas the Simon Fraser Student Society (the "Society") and Simon Fraser University ("SFU") have agreed to enter into a project (the "Project") for the construction of a new student union building and stadium on SFU's Burnaby campus.

B. Whereas a referendum was passed by the members of the Society (the "Members") on March 22, 2012 in favour of the development of the Project.

C. Whereas the Society will need to borrow money from third parties to fund the development of the Project and is seeking such financing on the best available terms. In order to obtain such funding, the Society may be required to grant or issue security, in the form of a debenture, promissory note, mortgage, general security agreement or other security instrument, for the repayment of any amount so borrowed.

D. Whereas the Society's bylaws (the "Bylaws") provide that its directors (the "Directors") may, for the purpose of carrying out the purposes of the Society, borrow, raise or secure the repayment of money and may authorize the issuance of security on the whole or part of the property or assets of the Society, present and future, including Society fees now or hereafter due or payable, except that no debenture shall be issued without sanction of a special resolution.

E. Whereas the Society Act (B.C.) similarly requires that any issuance of a debenture by the Society be approved by the Members by special resolution and permits the Members to grant a general power on the Directors to issue debentures for a period of one year from the date on which such resolution was passed.

F. Whereas it is expedient for the purposes of facilitating the Project that the Members exercise the authority conferred upon them under the Society Act (B.C.) and the Bylaws by giving the Directors the authority to borrow such amounts as may be required in order to pursue the Project and to secure the repayment of such borrowing in the manner that the Directors see fit.

Be it resolved that:

1. The Directors are hereby authorized, for a period of one year from the date hereof, on behalf of the Society, to borrow from such persons, firms, corporations, societies, cooperatives, credit unions, trust companies, banks or other lenders as they deem desirable, such amounts as are determined reasonable or necessary by the Directors for the purposes of the Project, on such terms as the Directors may from time to time approve.

2. The Directors are hereby further authorized, for a period of one year from the date hereof, on behalf of the Society, to secure repayment of any and all borrowing done for the purposes of the Project in such manner as the Directors consider to be in the best interests of the Society, including, without limitation, by the creation, granting and/or issuance of debentures, promissory notes, mortgages, general security agreements and such other security instruments charging all or any portion of the real or personal property of the Society, all on such terms as the Directors may from time to time approve, without further authorization from the Members.

3. Any two Directors or officers of the Society are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Society, under seal or otherwise, any agreement, debenture, mortgage, security agreement or other instrument that such person deems necessary or desirable to effect any borrowing by the Society or to give and perfect any security granted by the Society.

YES: 328

NO: 26

PASSED

**Due to the space limitations of the 2014 AGM location and requests from students, this resolution was separated into two parts (one for the SUB question, and one for the Stadium question) at a 2015 SGM, and passed at the 2015 AGM.*

By-Law Amendment – Creation of a By-Law Respecting Student Society Fees

Be it resolved that the following By-law be created and accepted as presented effective October 23rd, 2014 onwards:

The Society may not revoke, reduce or otherwise cancel a duly approved student society fee that has been implemented for the purpose of repaying a loan made to the Society or on the basis of which a loan has been made to the Society if the effect of such revocation, reduction or cancellation would be to cause the Society to be unable to repay the loan as it became due.

YES: 283

NO: 9

PASSED

**Due to the space limitations of the 2014 AGM location and requests from students, this resolution was separated into two parts (one for the SUB question, and one for the Stadium question) at a 2015 SGM, and passed at the 2015 AGM.*

2015

SFSS Food Bank Targeted Funding

Whereas the SFSS Emergency Food Bank Program operates to serve students in need; Whereas SFU Student Services has agreed to match any funding the SFSS contributes to the program to an annual maximum of \$16 000; Whereas the SFSS Space Expansion Fund currently collects \$10 per full time student and \$5 per part time student per semester; Whereas a levy of \$0.25 per full time student and \$0.13 per part time student per semester would generate approximately \$16 000 annually;

Do you approve of reallocating \$0.25 per full time student and a \$0.13 per part time student to provide targeted funding for the SFSS Emergency Food Bank Program from the existing Space Expansion Fund Levy?

YES: 2,098

NO: 678

PASSED

Reallocation from Space Expansion Fund Levy to the Membership Fee Levy

Whereas a levy of \$10.00 from full-time students per term and \$5.00 from part-time students per term is collected for the Space Expansion Fund (“the Space Expansion Fund Levy”);

And whereas a levy of \$38.00 from full-time students per term and \$19.00 from part-time students per term is collected for SFSS Membership Fees (“the Membership Fees Levy”);

Whereas the SFSS Space Expansion Fund is currently underutilized;
Whereas the SFSS General fund faces consistent financial limitations;
Whereas the SFSS does not wish to increase the amount students pay;
Do you approve of re-allocating \$4.75 per term for full-time students and \$2.37 per term for part-time students from the Space Expansion Fund Levy to the Membership Fee Levy.

YES: 1,600

NO: 1,113

PASSED

Health Science Undergraduate Student Union FSU Establishment (Health Science students only)

Whereas the Health Science Undergraduate Student Union operates under the Simon Fraser Student Society to serve a membership consisting of the undergraduate students within the Faculty of Health Science;

Whereas the HSUSU Constitution and By-laws define HSUSU as the faculty student union of the Simon Fraser University Faculty of Health Science; Whereas the HSUSU constitution and bylaws have been approved by the HSUSU membership at a General Meeting and the SFSS Board of Directors;

Do you approve establishing the Health Science Undergraduate Student Union (HSUSU) as the Faculty Student Union (FSU) of the Faculty of Health Science as of 2015-05-01?

YES: 245

NO: 11

PASSED

Approval of a Debenture in Respect of the Construction of a New Student Union Building

A. Whereas the Simon Fraser Student Society (the "Society") and Simon Fraser University ("SFU") have agreed to enter into a project for the construction of a new student union building on SFU's Burnaby campus (the "SUB Project").

B. Whereas a referendum was passed by the members of the Society (the "Members") on March 22, 2012 in favour of the development of the SUB Project and the related project for the construction of a new stadium on SFU's Burnaby campus (the "Stadium Project").

C. Whereas the Society will need to borrow money from third parties to fund the development of the SUB Project and is seeking such financing on the best available terms. In order to obtain such funding, the Society may be required to grant or issue security, in the form of a debenture, promissory note, mortgage, general security agreement or other security instrument, for the repayment of any amount so borrowed.

D. Whereas the Society's bylaws (the "Bylaws") provide that its directors (the "Directors") may, for the purpose of carrying out the purposes of the Society, borrow, raise or secure the repayment of money and may authorize the issuance of security on the whole or part of the property or assets of the Society, present and future, including Society fees now or hereafter due or payable, except that no debenture shall be issued without sanction of a special resolution.

E. Whereas the Society Act (B.C.) similarly requires that any issuance of a debenture by the Society be approved by the Members by special resolution and permits the Members to grant a general power on the Directors to issue debentures for a period of one year from the date on which such resolution was passed.

F. Whereas it is expedient for the purposes of facilitating the SUB Project that the Members exercise the authority conferred upon them under the Society Act (B.C.) and the Bylaws by giving the Directors the authority to borrow such amounts as may be required in order to pursue the SUB Project and to secure the repayment of such borrowing in the manner that the Directors see fit.

Be it resolved by special resolution that:

1. The Directors are hereby authorized, for a period of one year from the date hereof, on behalf of the Society, to borrow from such persons, firms, corporations, societies, cooperatives, credit unions, trust companies, banks or other lenders as they deem desirable, such amounts as are determined reasonable or necessary by the Directors for the purposes of the SUB Project, on such terms as the Directors may from time to time approve. For greater certainty, this authorization extends only to the SUB Project and excludes the Stadium Project.

2. The Directors are hereby further authorized, for a period of one year from the date hereof, on behalf of the Society, to secure repayment of any and all borrowing done for the purposes of the SUB Project in such manner as the Directors consider to be in the best interests of the Society, including, without limitation, by the creation, granting and/or issuance of debentures, promissory notes, mortgages, general security agreements and such other security instruments charging all or any portion of the real or personal property of the Society, all on such terms as the Directors may from time to time approve, without further authorization from the Members.

3. Any two Directors or officers of the Society are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Society, under seal or otherwise, any agreement, debenture, mortgage, security agreement or other instrument that such person deems necessary or desirable to effect any borrowing by the Society or to give and perfect any security granted by the Society.

YES: 405

NO: 67

PASSED*

**This resolution initially failed at the January 2015 SGM, but was passed at the AGM in September.*

Approval of a Debenture in Respect of the Construction of a New Stadium

A. Whereas the Simon Fraser Student Society (the "Society") and Simon Fraser University ("SFU") have agreed to enter into a project for the construction of a new stadium on SFU's Burnaby campus (the "Stadium Project").

B. Whereas a referendum was passed by the members of the Society (the "Members") on March 22, 2012 in favour of the development of the Stadium Project and the related project for the construction of a new student union building on SFU's Burnaby campus (the "SUB Project").

C. Whereas the Society will need to borrow money from third parties to fund the development of the Stadium Project and is seeking such financing on the best available terms. In order to obtain such funding, the Society may be required to grant or issue security, in the form of a debenture, promissory note, mortgage, general security agreement or other security instrument, for the repayment of any amount so borrowed.

D. Whereas the Society's bylaws (the "Bylaws") provide that its directors (the "Directors") may, for the purpose of carrying out the purposes of the Society, borrow, raise or secure the repayment of money and may authorize the issuance of security on the whole or part of the property or assets of the Society, present and future, including Society fees now or hereafter due or payable, except that no debenture shall be issued without sanction of a special resolution.

E. Whereas the Society Act (B.C.) similarly requires that any issuance of a debenture by the Society be approved by the Members by special resolution and permits the Members to grant a general power on the Directors to issue debentures for a period of one year from the date on which such resolution was passed.

F. Whereas it is expedient for the purposes of facilitating the Stadium Project that the Members exercise the authority conferred upon them under the Society Act (B.C.) and the Bylaws by giving the Directors the authority to borrow such amounts as may be required in order to pursue the Stadium Project and to secure the repayment of such borrowing in the manner that the Directors see fit.

Be it resolved by special resolution that:

1. The Directors are hereby authorized, for a period of one year from the date hereof, on behalf of the Society, to borrow from such persons, firms, corporations, societies, cooperatives, credit unions, trust companies, banks or other lenders as they deem desirable, such amounts as are determined reasonable or necessary by the Directors for the purposes of the Stadium Project, on such terms as the Directors may from time to time approve. For greater certainty, this authorization extends only to the Stadium Project and excludes the SUB Project.

2. The Directors are hereby further authorized, for a period of one year from the date hereof, on behalf of the Society, to secure repayment of any and all borrowing done for the purposes of the Stadium Project in such manner as the Directors consider to be in the best interests of the Society, including, without limitation, by the creation, granting and/or issuance of debentures, promissory notes, mortgages, general security agreements and such other security instruments charging all or any portion of the real or personal property of the Society, all on such terms as the Directors may from time to time approve, without further authorization from the Members.

3. Any two Directors or officers of the Society are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Society, under seal or otherwise, any agreement, debenture, mortgage, security agreement or other instrument that such person deems necessary or desirable to effect any borrowing by the Society or to give and perfect any security granted by the Society.

YES: 347

NO: 81

PASSED*

**This resolution initially failed at the January 2015 SGM, but was passed at the AGM in September.*

By-Law Amendment – By-Law 24 Creation

Be it resolved by special resolution that the following bylaw be created and accepted as presented in the form of By-Law 24 – Student Society Fees:

The Society may not revoke, reduce or otherwise cancel a duly approved student society fee that has been implemented for the purpose of repaying a loan made to the Society or on the basis of which a loan has been made to the Society if the effect of such revocation, reduction or cancellation would be to cause the Society to be unable to repay the loan as it became due.

428 votes cast, 97% in favour

PASSED*

**This resolution initially failed at the January 2015 SGM, but was passed at the AGM in September.*

2016

Schools Building Schools Levy

Whereas Schools Building Schools, a Canadian registered charity, currently collects an opt-out levy of \$1 per term from fulltime SFU undergraduate students and \$0.50 per term from part time SFU undergraduate students, which was voted upon in a referendum held in 2012; Whereas Schools Building Schools no longer wishes to receive financial support from the students of Simon Fraser University; and whereas the SFSS is unsatisfied with project and financial information provided by Schools Building Schools;

Are you in favour of authorizing the Board of Directors, by ordinary resolution, to cease the collection and remittance of any funds to Schools Building Schools on behalf of the Simon Fraser Student Society?

YES: 3,371

NO: 759

PASSED

U-Pass Continuation

Whereas the current U-Pass BC Agreement expires April 2016; Whereas the current proposed U-Pass BC fees are:

- Current fee: \$38.00 per month of study
- Proposed year 1 fee: \$39.50 per month of study (May 1, 2016 – April 30, 2017)
- Proposed year 2 fee: \$41.00 per month of study (May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018)

Whereas a “no” result for this referendum [will] result in SFU undergraduate students no longer having access to the U-Pass BC;

Are you in favour of authorizing the Simon Fraser Student Society to collect a mandatory fee of \$39.50 per month of study for participation of students in the U-Pass BC Program beginning May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017 and \$41.00 beginning May 1, 2017 to April 20, 2018.

YES: 4,496

NO: 289

PASSED

Embark Sustainability Levy

Embark Sustainability Society (ESS), formerly “Sustainable SFU”, is a student-led non-profit that represents and advances the sustainability interests of Simon Fraser University students. ESS currently collects a levy of \$2 per

semester from full-time SFU undergraduate students and \$1 per semester from part-time SFU undergraduate students, which was voted upon in a referendum held in 2010. However, this referendum did not account for rising costs over time related to inflation and program development, resulting in an on-going lack of sufficient revenue despite our demonstrable value to the student body and our growing list of achievements. With a onetime levy increase, Embark would be able to maintain and expand our programming to continue to bolster student-led sustainability initiatives through grants, events, and campaigns.

Yes: 1,030

No: 594

PASSED

2017

Health & Dental

Whereas the actual cost of the SFSS Extended Health and Dental Plan, launched in 2008, varies every year given increases in the cost of health and dental services, and increases in the number of claims made by undergraduate students; Whereas the Student Society Fee collected to provide all members with health and dental insurance cannot be adjusted to keep pace with the increases in the cost of coverage; Whereas the fixed Student Society Fee risks requiring a reduction in the level of coverage and service available to undergraduate students who have repeatedly described the Health and Dental Plan as one of their most valued SFSS services; Whereas the Board will communicate the value of, and reason for making any change to the fee;

Do you grant the SFSS Board of Directors the authority to raise or reduce the SFSS Health and Dental Student Society Service Fee to a maximum of up to 5% in any given year for the next 5 years?

YES: 1,090

NO: 822

PASSED

By-Law Amendments – New Societies Act

Whereas some of the proposed changes are required by the new Societies Act and amendments to the University Act; Whereas other proposed changes will improve the Society's ability to achieve its vision of improving the undergraduate student experience;

Whereas the change to the new Bylaws will require a transition period; be it resolved to adopt the new SFSS Bylaws, as attached as Attachment 1 to this referendum question, to take effect on May 1, 2018

YES: 869

NO: 711

FAILED (Required 75% OR 2/3 majority to pass)

2018

Impeachment of the President at the AGM

Be it resolved, as a special resolution, that Jaskarn Randhawa be impeached and removed as President and as a Director of the Simon Fraser Student Society.

PASSED (2/3 majority in favour)

2019

U-Pass Resolution

Are you in favour of continued participation in the U-Pass BC program beginning January 1st, 2020, at the following monthly rates?

January 1, 2020 – April 30, 2020 – \$41.00

May 1, 2020 – April 30, 2021 – \$42.50

May 1, 2021 – April 30, 2022 – \$43.35

May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023 – \$44.20

May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024 – \$45.10

May 1, 2024 – April 30, 2025 – \$46.00

May 1, 2025 onwards: annual increases of up to 2% per year rounded to the nearest \$0.05

YES: 2,671

NO: 407

PASSED

SFSS New Building Naming – Non-Binding Plebiscite

Select your preferred name for the new SFSS building:

Student Union Building (SUB)- 1,134 (SELECTED)

The Den (DEN) - 600

The Hive (HIVE) - 720

The Treehouse (TREE) – 601

2020

WUSC Fee Increase

BACKGROUND

World University Services Canada SFU (WUSC SFU) is a student-led club to support education for refugee youth whose goals are to increase awareness about forced migration and the impact of education on the lives of those affected among youth refugee students and supports re-settling the refugee students that SFU students sponsor through a partnership with WUSC Canada.

The program gives displaced students between the ages of 18 – 25 yrs the opportunity to complete their education in Canada. Refugee students are sponsored (books, tuition, and some living costs) by from over 90 universities across Canada. The financial support comes from students levy once per term across all participant Canadian universities/colleges. The total number of students sponsored from 1981 to 2019 is 71 students.

At SFU, undergraduate students currently contribute \$2.50 per semester except undergraduate students taking 3 credits or fewer who currently contribute \$1.25 per semester. SFU WUSC needs additional revenue to be sustained and to continue supporting refugee youth, and without there being an increase WUSC SFU would not be able to continue sponsoring refugee students at SFU.

QUESTION:

Are you in favour of increasing the student levy for the SFU WUSC – World University Services Canada to \$5.00 per semester for students, except student taking 3 credits or fewer who would contribute \$2.50 per semester, adjusted annually for inflation according to the Canadian Consumer Price Index (CPI)?

YES: 1,245

NO: 765

PASSED

SFPIRG Fee Increase

BACKGROUND:

The Simon Fraser Public Interest Research Group (SFPIRG) is an independent student society at SFU that engages students in social and environmental justice, through education, action, research, and community-building. Established in 1981, SFPIRG provides a wide range of programming, resources, services, and volunteer and employment opportunities to students.

Visit www.sfpirg.ca to learn more about SFPIRG.

All SFU students are members of SFPIRG, and contribute a member fee every semester as part of their Activity Fee.

All SFU students currently contribute \$3 per semester, except students taking 3 credits or fewer who currently contribute \$1.50 per semester. This member fee was last set by referendum in 1994. The inflation rate in BC from

1994 to 2019 was 45.03%, meaning that something that cost \$3 in 1994 would now cost \$4.35 significantly impacting SFPIRG's operating budget.

SFPIRG needs additional revenue to maintain current levels of programming and services, to expand and enhance the organization's scope and capacity, and to adjust for the inflation that has occurred over the last 25+ years.

Without there being an increase, SFPIRG would not be able to continue operating at current levels, nor continue growing and developing new programs, services and opportunities for students.

RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved to increase the student levy for SFPIRG to \$5.50 per semester for students, except students taking 3 credits or fewer who would contribute \$2.75 per semester, adjusted annually for inflation according to the Vancouver Consumer Price Index (CPI).

YES: 911

NO: 1,004

FAILED